

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

PROPOSAL F2003-11

Existing regulation: Prince William Sound Area - Salmon

Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District - Salmon - Residents of Cantwell, Chisana, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Gakona Junction, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Kenny Lake, Lower Tonsina, McCarthy, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, Northway, Slana, Tanacross, Tazlina, Tetlin, Tok, Tonsina, and those individuals that live along the Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass, and along the Nabesna Road.

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Reason for changing the regulation: Based on information concerning the customary and traditional use for Chitina Subdistrict salmon by residents of Delta Junction.

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: The impact on salmon of the Chitina Subdistrict is expected to be minimal. Subsistence has a higher priority than nonsubsistence uses of Copper River salmon.

Effect of change on subsistence users: Along with other communities having C&T for the Chitina Subdistrict, the Delta Junction area residents would have a greater opportunity (e.g. gear, harvest limit) to subsistence fish for salmon on the Copper River. During a time of shortage, the Delta Junction area residents would receive priority, along with other communities with the C&T for the Chitina Subdistrict salmon.

Communities which have used this resource: The assessment would include historic use of Chitina Subdistrict salmon by residents of the Delta Junction area.

Where the resource has been harvested: The Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District.

When the resource has been harvested: During the salmon season in the Chitina Subdistrict.

Additional Information: During its deliberation of fisheries proposal # FP02-16, the Board received written comments from Nat Good, former EI Regional Council member. Mr. Good

requested that Delta Junction be included in the C&T for salmon for the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District. Mr. Good noted that the Richardson Highway, once the Valdez Trail, has connected Delta Junction to the Chitina area for almost 100 years. The Federal Board decided it would be most appropriate to allow full public and Regional Council review of this request so that it can be considered in December 2002.

Proposed by: Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage